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Bennington. 24th July. 1780

Sir

As by evidence exhibited against James Breakeneidge. Thomas Henderson. and Frances Breakeneidge. they are detained in close custody, and in consequence, a Special Superior Court summoned to attend to their trial tuesday next and as. Mr Chipman and Mr Burnum are engayed on the part of the defendents, and Mr- Smith absent. with the advice of several Gentlemen of the Council and others. present the Court will be adjourned to thursday next- 8 o'Clock in the morning at which time. Itequest you will not fail of giveing your attendence— that the State may not be left destitute of Council— Should Mr. Stileson being notified by you be disposed to take a Ride with you, on this sudden occasion. to act in the Capacity of Clerk of this Court, his assistance will be cheerfully accepted

I am Sir your humble servant.

Moses Robinson

N.B. One reason of a Special Court being called at this time was on account of the witness being obliged to go immediately into the army—

M. R.

July 25th. The Governor and Council are together and the Messenger has been detained but you are still desired by them to come for some other reasons without fail, and if you can Please to know whether those disaffected Persons will treat with the Committee or not—

M. R.

Stephen R. Bradley

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Private

Camp near Morristown July 4th 1780

Dear Sir

I have wrote my letters in such a hurry, and ever before the commander-in-Chief or the Marquis instructions came to hand that you may possibly find some impropriety in them which please to correct. should it be the case — — —

I am now so fully pursuaded that an expedition will be carried into Canada this season that I wish you to look out for the purchase of lands about you, in particular some farms at Peacham. Make if possible your bargains conditional to be on or off in the space of three months, and engage as little money to be paid soon as you can — whatever you bargain for I shall hold myself responsible to take the Half — I hope I shall be able to get hold of a sum of money shortly. but have not received a farthing yet. you should hold out an Idea something different from that which we really expect, as nothing is yet certain were it otherwise common prudence would dictate such a measure — Inclosed is a line to Maj: Gills you must keep him in temper in till he hears from us. I must beg your attention to the matters under the direction of Mr. Merril & White, and believe me to be in haste,

Yours most sincerely

Moses Hazen —

Colo Bedel —

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Camp near Morristown June 4th 1780

Dear Sir—

Not one word from your quarter since I left that place. I am afraid your quarters have miscarried, whether or not we ought to have heard from you long since on the subject of grain; which is of great importance for us to know; every thing is perfectly right in this quarter to the utmost of our wishes; yet nothing can be determined on until the arrival of the fleet from France, which as is here said, sailed for America on the 22d of April— It may at this time of the year have a 13 weeks passage— The Marquis is our friend and warm. Gospelin is despatched to the northward, and Bayleain to the more southward parts of Canada for intelligence you must join with Genl Bayley and fix them off without a moments delay

Yours

Moses Hazen

Col: Bedel—

Turn over

P. S. Since I wrote the foregoing I have seen perused the Marquis instructions and am persuaded they will not answer to save their necks. should they be so unlucky as to fall into the enemys hands: have therefore advised them to take orders from Genl: Bayley or the commanding officer at Coos

Yours Moses Hazen

Col: Bedel

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Thomas Stevens Mathew Long. Ephraim Titus. Jesse Swift
Barnabus Cushman Asa Forbs. Samuel Ely. Residents of said
Wilmington alias. Draper who as they say by order of said
Forbs Constable. appeared at your Complainents Dwelling House
and demanded entrance your Complainent viewing himself
quit from his obligation to the Constable, fastened his doors
but they continued demanding entrance into the House upon
which your Complainent surrendered himself prisoner to said
Constable. notwithstanding this a further entrance was
still demanded but refused by them in the House, then
immediately the doors of your complainents dwelling house
was burst down, his Family made prisoners and dragged out
of the house. his Effects in the House all set out doors, and
your Complainent with his Family and part of his Effects
were carried out of town and delivered into the hands of
the Constable of Cumberland who after examineing into
the Warrent refused the ease of your Complainents Family
and effects — Now your Complainent is deprived of his usual
habitation, and his effects left in a scattering and waisting
situation.

Therefore your Complainent brings his suit and
prays for redress according to Law

William Millen

Wilmington alias Draper June 17th 1780

State of Vermont } To the Honourable superior Court now sitting
at Westminster in the County of Cumberland—

Come Stephen R. Bradley, Attorney for the Freemen of Vermont within and for said County, and upon his office and oath, Complains, informs and gives said County to understand that Col. William Williams. Stephen Forbs, Samuel Ely, Nathan ... and Edward ... all of Wilmington (alias Draper) in said County did on or about the sixteenth day of Instant June, at Wilmington aforesaid, in a riotous manner assemble themselves together with intent to do unlawful Acts, against the Persons and properties of others, and did then and there with force and Violence to the manefest teror of the people. Seige upon the Bodies of William Millen. Richard Millen, and others, and them evil entreated and restrained of their Liberties. making them prisoners, and did also break open the Dwelling House of said Millen and destroyed his goods and Effects, and did cast said Millens and Family out of their Dwelling House and other unlawful Acts, by force and Violence then and there did in violation of Statute Law of this State, Intitled "An act for preventing and punishing riots and Riotes" special reference there to being had, the said Attorney, praying said persons may be taken and dealt with as said Statutes directs

Dated at Westminster, the 21st day of June. A.D. 1780

Stephen R. Bradley, St. Atty.

Chipman Swift recognized in sum of £2000 that Samuel Ely appear at next session, each of the above Delinquents recognized severally in ... sum of £200 to appear at next session—

To the Sheriff of the County of Cumberland or his deputy. Greeting.

In the name and by the Authority of the Freemen of this State of Vermont, your are hereby commanded without delay to apprehend the Bodies of said Col. William Williams, Stephen Forbes, Samuel Ely, Nathan Foster and Edward Foster, all of Wilmington (alias Draper) in said County and them keep and

have before the Honourable Superior Court, now sitting in Westminster in said County, or at the adjourned Session in said Westminster on the 4th Tuesday of August next. to answer the foregoing Complaint and to be made to do and suffer as Law directs, hereof fail not, but of this Writ with your doings thereon make all due returns according to Law. By order of the Judge of said County=

Dated at Westminster the 21st day of June A.D. 1780

Ezra Stiles. Clerke. pro tem.

You are also to summons Elijah Alvord Benjm Pierce John Rugg. Caleb John Pierce. William Millen. Richard Millen, Caleb Alvord, and Elezar Goodman, to appear at the time and place above said, to testify what they know in the above cause.

Westminster, June 2d A.D. 1780.

Aug 5th agreeable to the above summon. I summoned each of the above named evidences. Benyamin Pierce excepted. Benjamin Wait. Sheriff.

Then presented the Body of Col. William. Williams, one of the within named delinquents

Attest. Benyamin Wait. Sheriff—

Asa Averill recognis'd in the sum of £5000. Lawful money, to the treasury of this State, that the above William Williams. answer the Freemen to this Complaint. Attest Ezra Stiles. Clerk pro tem— Aug 4th 1780. then by the vertue of the within Writ. I apprehend the Bodies of Edward Foster, and Nathan Foster. and them have in Court. Attest Benjm Wait. Sheriff—

Aug 5th 1780 Then by order of the within Warrent I apprehend the Body of Stephen Forbes and him have in Court———

Benjamin Wait. Sheriff

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The Grand Jurors for the Freemen of the State of Vermont, upon their oath present, that Samuel Ely, late of Coldrain in the County of Berkshire and State of Massachusetts, now a transient person in this State on or about the 20th day of June in the year of our Lord 1780, at Wilmington (alias Draper) in said County, did wickedly and feloniously, steal, take and carry away a certain yoke of Oxen, of the value of twenty Pounds, Lawful money, the property of William Millens of said Wilmington (alias Draper) which wicked Conduct is a violation of a Statute Law of this State, Intitled an Act for the punishment of theft, (special reference thereto being had) and against the Peace and dignity of the Freemen of Vermont—

State of Vermont } To the Honourable Superior Court
County of Cumberland } to be holden at Westminster on the 3d
Tuesday of June, Instant

The complaint of William Mellen of Wilmington, alias Draper against the select men with a number of Inhabitants of said town, and a part of the proprietors of Wilmington Charter, who did at March meeting last, pass a vote debasing your Complainer and sons, the privledges of voters in said meeting when they had been peaceible Inhabitants in said town for more than six years last past, upon this votes being past some of the Inhabitants, to the number of sixteen entred a protest against the proceedings of the meeting, as being Elegal, and decented, this being done the remainder of the Inhabitants proceeded to the choice of town officers &c. as the law directs; and immediately the select men chosen at that meeting, sent their Constable commanding him to warn your Complainent to depart out of town within twenty days, his Family and Effects, this with threattens to the manifest terror of your Complainent, passing away; on complaint being made by the selectmen of said town, and proprietors of Wilmington Charter a Warrent was obtained from Levi Goodenough Esq. bearing date June 6th 1780, and was directed to the Constable of Wilmington, commanding him in the + name of the freemen of this State, forthwith to take the Body of your Complainent together with his Family and Effects, and remove them out of town and keep him out, upon the 13th of this Instant June 1780, Stephen Forbes Constable of said town with about thirty men entred the House of your Complainent, apprehends his Body, and taking your complainents word for his security till the weather would admit of his removal, in the Interim your Complainent desired Captain Elezr Goodman, and Mr. Caleb Alvord, to go to Esq Goodenough who informed under oath that your Complainent, and Family had been peaceible Inhabitants for more than six years &c. the Esq haveing obtained this knowledge, directed a Warrent to said Stephen Forbs, Constible requiring him not to proceed according to the directions of the Warrent served on your Complainent declaring said Warrent

to be availlity, requiring said Constable to discharge your Com-
plainent and Family from every part of the requirments of the
same, notwithstanding the Constable and your Complainent be-
ing served with a copy of said warrent of revoke. on the 16th of this
Instant said Stephen Forbes Constable with William Williams,
Capt. Judah Moor, Capt Chipman Swift, Lieut Bexels, Waist.
Ames Wheeler, Jonathan Childs, John Marsh, Nathan Foster,
Edward Foster, Abel Lyon, Daivet Ball, Robert Long, Peris, Swift
Judah Moor Jun. David Long Andrew Hasbell.

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